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Claim 14 stands rejected as being indefinite and incomplete for omitting essential steps. The Examiner states that the omitted steps are providing a cooking medium to the food and placing the basket into the cooking medium. Nevertheless, these claims are "free of the prior art." Claims 14 and 15 have been amended to cure the indefiniteness identified in the office action. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection.

Claims 1 – 15 remain in the case, claims 14 and 15 having been amended.

### **Conclusion**

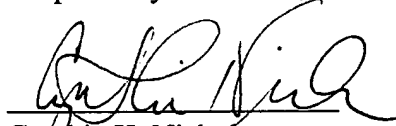
For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections of claims 1-15, insofar as it may be applied to the claims as amended, must be withdrawn. Consequently, issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

### **AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee that may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to deposit account no. 08-0219.

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APPENDIX A

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A food cooking apparatus, comprising:

a first container;

a second container connected to said first container, having a passage defined therebetween and communicating with said first container;

a basket rotatably and slidably mounted in the first container; and wherein said first container and said second container pivot between a first position and a second position, and wherein said basket is provided with a vertical vibration and an ultrasonic vibration.

2. The food cooking apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein, in said first position, a bottom of said basket is lower than said passage, further comprising a motor for rotating said basket in said first position, and for axially displacing said basket as the first and second containers move from said first position to said second position.

3. The food cooking apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, said first container further comprising a removable lid.

4. The food cooking apparatus as claimed in Claim 3, further comprising a filter in said lid.

5. The food cooking apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a drive shaft and a motor connected thereto, whereby said motor rotates said drive shaft to pivot said first container and second container between said first and second positions.

6. The food cooking apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a heater element disposed adjacent to said second container.

7. The food cooking apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said basket includes an ultrasonically tuned structure, further comprising an ultrasonic drive driving said structure.

8. The food cooking apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said basket includes a plurality of apertures formed therein permitting the passage of cooking liquid.

9. The food cooking apparatus as claimed in Claim 3, further comprising a window in said lid.

10. A container for ultrasonically removing cooking liquid from food, comprising:

5 (a) a basket having an ultrasonically tuned structure within which food is to be positioned;

(b) an ultrasonic drive driving said structure of the basket; and

(c) a rotational drive connected to the basket.

10 11. The container, as claimed in Claim 10, wherein said structure includes stainless steel.

12. The container as claimed in Claim 10, wherein said structure includes a pattern tuned to an ultrasonic frequency of the ultrasonic drive.

13. The food cooking apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said basket is provided with vibration in multiple directions.

15 14. (Amended) A method of ~~providing a cooking~~ food cooking device, comprising the steps of

(a) providing a basket having an ultrasonically tuned structure within which food is to be positioned;

20 (b) ultrasonically driving said structure, within which food to be cooked is placed; and

vertically vibrating the basket.

15. (Amended) The method of ~~cooking food~~ as claimed in Claim 14, further comprising the step of providing said basket with vibration in multiple directions.

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APPENDIX B

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A food cooking apparatus, comprising:
  - a first container;
  - 5 a second container connected to said first container, having a passage defined therebetween and communicating with said first container;
  - a basket rotatably and slidably mounted in the first container; and
  - wherein said first container and said second container pivot between a first position and a second position, and wherein said basket is provided with a vertical
  - 10 vibration and an ultrasonic vibration.
2. The food cooking apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein, in said first position, a bottom of said basket is lower than said passage, further comprising a motor for rotating said basket in said first position, and for axially displacing said basket as the first and second containers move from said first
- 15 position to said second position.
3. The food cooking apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, said first container further comprising a removable lid.
4. The food cooking apparatus as claimed in Claim 3, further comprising a filter in said lid.
- 20 5. The food cooking apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a drive shaft and a motor connected thereto, whereby said motor rotates said drive shaft to pivot said first container and second container between said first and second positions.
6. The food cooking apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising
- 25 a heater element disposed adjacent to said second container.
7. The food cooking apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said basket includes an ultrasonically tuned structure, further comprising an ultrasonic drive driving said structure.
8. The food cooking apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said basket
- 30 includes a plurality of apertures formed therein permitting the passage of cooking liquid.

9. The food cooking apparatus as claimed in Claim 3, further comprising a window in said lid.

10. A container for ultrasonically removing cooking liquid from food, comprising:

- 5           (a) a basket having an ultrasonically tuned structure within which food is to be positioned;
- (b) an ultrasonic drive driving said structure of the basket; and
- (c) a rotational drive connected to the basket.

10           11. The container, as claimed in Claim 10, wherein said structure includes stainless steel.

12. The container as claimed in Claim 10, wherein said structure includes a pattern tuned to an ultrasonic frequency of the ultrasonic drive.

13. The food cooking apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said basket is provided with vibration in multiple directions.

15           14. (Amended) A method of providing a food cooking device, comprising the steps of

- (a) providing a basket having an ultrasonically tuned structure within which food is to be positioned;
- (b) ultrasonically driving said structure, within which food to be
- 20           cooked is placed; and
- vertically vibrating the basket.

15. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 14, further comprising the step of providing said basket with vibration in multiple directions.